

Remarks:

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1-3 and 7-11 are now in the application. Claims 7 and 9 have been amended.

In the second paragraph on page 2 of the above-identified Office action, the specification has been objected to as being indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

More specifically, the Examiner has stated that claims 7 and 9 are vague and indefinite because the recitations of "said impression cylinder" and "said sheet grippers rotating with said impression cylinder" in claim 7 and "the movement of said sheet gripper of said impression cylinder is a closing movement for passing through a bottleneck" in claim 9 do not find proper antecedent basis. Claims 7 and 9 have been amended so as to facilitate prosecution of the application, and are now dependent on claim 11. Therefore, the rejection has been overcome.

It is accordingly believed that the specification and the claims meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs. Should the Examiner find any further objectionable items, counsel would appreciate a telephone call

during which the matter may be resolved. The above-noted changes to the claims are provided solely for cosmetic or clarificatory reasons. The changes are not provided for overcoming the prior art nor for any reason related to the statutory requirements for a patent.

In the fourth paragraph on page 2 of the Office action, claims 1, 2, 8, and 10 have been rejected as being fully anticipated by Schaede (U.S. Patent No. 5,839,366) under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

In the second paragraph on page 3 of the Office action, claim 11 has been rejected as being obvious over Schaede (U.S. Patent No. 5,839,366) in view of Munker (U.S. Patent No. 5,271,323) under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Enclosed herewith is a Notice of Appeal, appealing the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 35 U.S.C. § 103.

In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel respectfully requests a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

Please charge any other fees which might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner & Greenberg P.A., No. 12-1099.

Respectfully submitted,



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